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Northville landfill faces lawsuit, state fines

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Residents in Northville who have been complaining about the noxious emissions from Arbor Hills Landfill were gratified by the announcement of Conservancy Initiative President Tracey Birkenhauer during a town hall meeting last week.

Birkenhauer told the crowd of more than 340 area residents that her group had filed a notice of intent to sue the landfill, owned by Advanced Disposal.

Neighbors of the 336-acre landfill first began complaining to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) about the air quality from the landfill in 2016. The state has issued 51 violations to Arbor Hills for improper operations and has received about 3,000 complaints about the operation at the Northville Township facility.

State Rep. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth), state Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia) and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix attended the town hall meeting to facilitate a presentation by MDEQ representatives regarding the operation of the landfill, followed by a question and answer session.

Attendees expressed an overwhelming support for further MDEQ testing of the landfill, stricter enforcement of environmental codes and more severe penalties for sites found in violation of MDEQ standards. Koleszar and Polhanki recently introduced House Bill 4453 and Senate Bill 261 to hold polluters accountable by enabling regulators to issue fines up to $100,000, 10 times larger than currently allowable for air quality and solid waste violations by landfills. The bills have been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, respectively.

"Given our state's abundance of natural resources, we have a duty to protect those resources and the jobs they provide for hardworking families by holding polluters accountable," said Koleszar. "Our state must be a leader in the fight for responsible management and preservation of the environment by providing a more effective tool for regulators to use in the fight against pollution."

"We think they've been a little egregious," Polehanki said at the meeting. "And it necessitates some sort of legislation to up the ante a little bit and show the waste management companies that we're really serious and you can't ignore violations."

Scott Miller, MDEQ supervisor of air quality, said Advanced Disposal Services officials have been cooperative, but added violations continue to be issued.

"It's been a lack of oversight and maybe attention to detail," said Miller.

On the job

Westland honors police officers

Family members and friends crowded Westland City Hall last week as members of the Westland Police Department were honored for their service to the community.

The annual awards ceremony takes place to recognize and honor those members of the police force who have gone above and beyond in the line of duty. In addition, the award for the 2018 Police Officer of the Year honor was presented to Ofc. Derik Gomez and the retirement of the city K-9 officer Hemi was acknowledged.

Gomez is approaching 6 years of service with the Westland Police Department and is a member of the Westland Tactical Response Unit. Gomez set a stellar example for the police department in 2018 with more than 20 felony drug arrests, leading his shift with proactive criminal arrests and developing numerous criminal informants for the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), city officials said.

Gomez not only sets an example in performance of his duties, but with strength of character as well. He always brings a positive attitude to his job and motivates his peers to be more engaged in their work, officials said.

"The City of Westland Police Officer of the Year is measured in consistent productivity, quality police work, professionalism, a proactive work ethic, dedication to the city and compassion," commented Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "The Westland Police Officer of the Year distinguishes themselves throughout the year by actions exceeding requirements by the position both on and off duty," the chief added.

The Chief's Challenge Coin is awarded for outstanding contributions to law enforcement through the success of difficult police programs, projects, or situations that are made at a high degree of professional excellence. Ofc. Rodney Donald and Ofc. Chaim Kozak were awarded the 2018 Chief's Challenge Coin.

Chief Jeff Jedrusik, left, Ofc. Derek Gomez, Deputy Chief Randal Thivierge and Deputy Chief Brian Miller.

Donald was recognized for his idea and efforts for organizing the first Westland Hero's Battle of the Badges. This event took place at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center in Norwayne with proceeds benefiting the annual Harvest Festival. The Battle of the Badges event raised $2,500 for the Harvest Festival which went toward purchasing school supplies for students in the Norwayne area. This event also offered the community a chance to see first responders out of uniform and bond in an informal setting.

Kozak recognized that traditional police open houses present problems for children with special needs and their families. These can include loud noises, lights that might be too bright, and large crowds. Kozak organized

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Police Sgt Mike Little and retiring K9 Ofc. Hemi

Romulus officials planning lean city budget

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

> *We have to continue to work harder and smarter because of the municipal finance model that's in place.*

Despite an increase in tax revenue from several large developments as well as a successful public safety millage, officials in the City of Romulus are looking to keep the 2019-2020 budget as lean as possible.

"We want to be really frugal," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "We're focused on what we must have in the budget."

Last year as well as the first part of 2019 brought good financial news to the city, but also highlighted some of the ongoing financial challenges it, like many other municipalities, face.

Taxable value increased by nearly 13 percent, or $118 million, overall, but about 85 percent of those revenues are in the Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds. Those funds will see an influx of $99 million; of that $70 million came from the Amazon project, according to Suzanne Moreno, director of financial services for the city. Those funds can be spent within those districts on infrastructure improvements and services provided there. General fund revenues only increased by about 3 percent, she said.

"It's a huge investment on their part they pay tremendous amount in property taxes," she said of Amazon. "It's a positive thing; it's growth in the community, but people that go out there and say: 'Oh you have Amazon, you must be making all kinds of money…' No, it doesn't work that way."

As a result, she and Burcroff said the city is looking at a 'needs vs. wants' budget to keep costs down. All departments rated requests on a scale of 1-5, depending on the level of need in order to keep city expenditures as close to the approximately $19 million in revenue expected. Putting off technology expenses and capital outlay will not be possible forever, she added.

"There are things that are going to need to be done. We have buildings that need repairs," she said, referencing leaks in city buildings that have damaged computer equipment. "There are things that need to be done, whether we like it or not. But we have been very frugal."

Voters approved a five-year police and fire millage that will bring in about $3 million annually to help fund those departments. The city also voted this month not to opt out of Public Act 152, which effectively limited the city liability for employee

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Sumpter Township named Sgt. Beth Egerer as the Police Officer of the Year during an official ceremony March 26.

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The fifth annual Eco-Fair in Romulus will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, April 27, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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Tina Stanke, who grew up in the city, has been named as the new city clerk in Wayne.

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Members of the Westland City Council approved the launch of a cadet fire fighter program with the Wayne Westland schools as part of a dual-enrollment program.

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Inkster - Northville

Development plan at Northville Downs gets OK

Members of the Northville Planning Commission have sent the proposed development at the Northville Downs site one step closer to the starting gate.

A Planned Unit Development (PUD) eligibility submitted by Randy Wertheimer for the construction of 53 homes, 183 townhomes and 300 apartments along with 18,000 square feet of retail space, a parking deck and parking lot was approved unanimously by members of the planning commission.

The new development will include land from Seven Mile road midway to South Center and from Seven Mile and River Street to Griswold and Cady. It also includes two parcels on the west side of South Center.

This was the third request from Wertheimer, CEO of Hunter Pasteur Homes, who has made changes in accordance with suggestions from city leaders and residents. The plan includes the creation of a park along the riverbed; traffic improvements, expanding space for the Farmers Market and extending streets through the development to connect the project to downtown, Beal Street and Hines Park.

Wertheimer was represented by attorney Robert Carson who said the development will "complement the character of Northville." He said the Cady Street apartments and parking deck would be completed first in the project.

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City planner Sally Elmiger, principal of Carlisle/Wortman, guided the audience through the process of how the PUD works. She said there are three portions that each must be approved by both the planning commission and members of the city council. The first, approved at the meeting, is PUD eligibility. Based on nine criteria that pertain to ordinances, the commissioners agreed that all of those criteria have been met.

The second stage, she explained, is the preliminary site plan. At this stage, members of the planning commission work out design details. The third stage is the final site plan, where design, utilities, road changes and public benefits are finalized.

These are all public meetings.

During the latest meeting, commissioners expressed concern about smaller lot sizes for homes and the three-story townhomes and apartments. The master plan suggests larger lots and recommends one and a half stories for the other structures.

Some residents at the meeting expressed concern about the capability of the current city infrastructure to meet the needs of another 1,000 residents. Others questioned the impact of additional students in the schools.

Elmiger responded that the utility master plan addresses the infrastructure and that Wayne County is responsible for the storm water reconfiguration and changes to Seven Mile Road, among other streets. She also noted that Mike Wilk, treasurer of the Northville school board said the district had the capacity for more students.

The plan will now go the city council for discussion.

Ypsilanti man charged in death of Inkster teen

An Ypsilanti man is facing manslaughter charges in the shooting of an Inkster teen.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Johtez Zyair Hoskins, 19, in connection with the April 14 fatal shooting of Darian Oneal, 16, of Inkster. Prosecutors allege that at about 12:30 p.m. April 14, Hoskins was in the back bedroom of a home in the 800 block of Clair Street in Inkster when he shot Oneal in the head.

During the shooting, according to police investigators, Hoskins wounded himself in the hand. After shooting Oneal, police said, Hoskins fled the scene on foot.

Inkster police officers were dispatched to the scene along with emergency medical personnel and Oneal was pronounced dead.

Investigation by the Inkster police led to a local hospital where Hoskins was receiving treatment for a gunshot wound to his hand. He was placed under arrest by police at the hospital.

Johtez Zyair Hoskins

Hoskins has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and felony firearm violations.

He was arraigned in 22nd District Court in Inkster last week and received a $250,000 cash bond. His probable cause conference was scheduled yesterday.

Art House exhibit will open

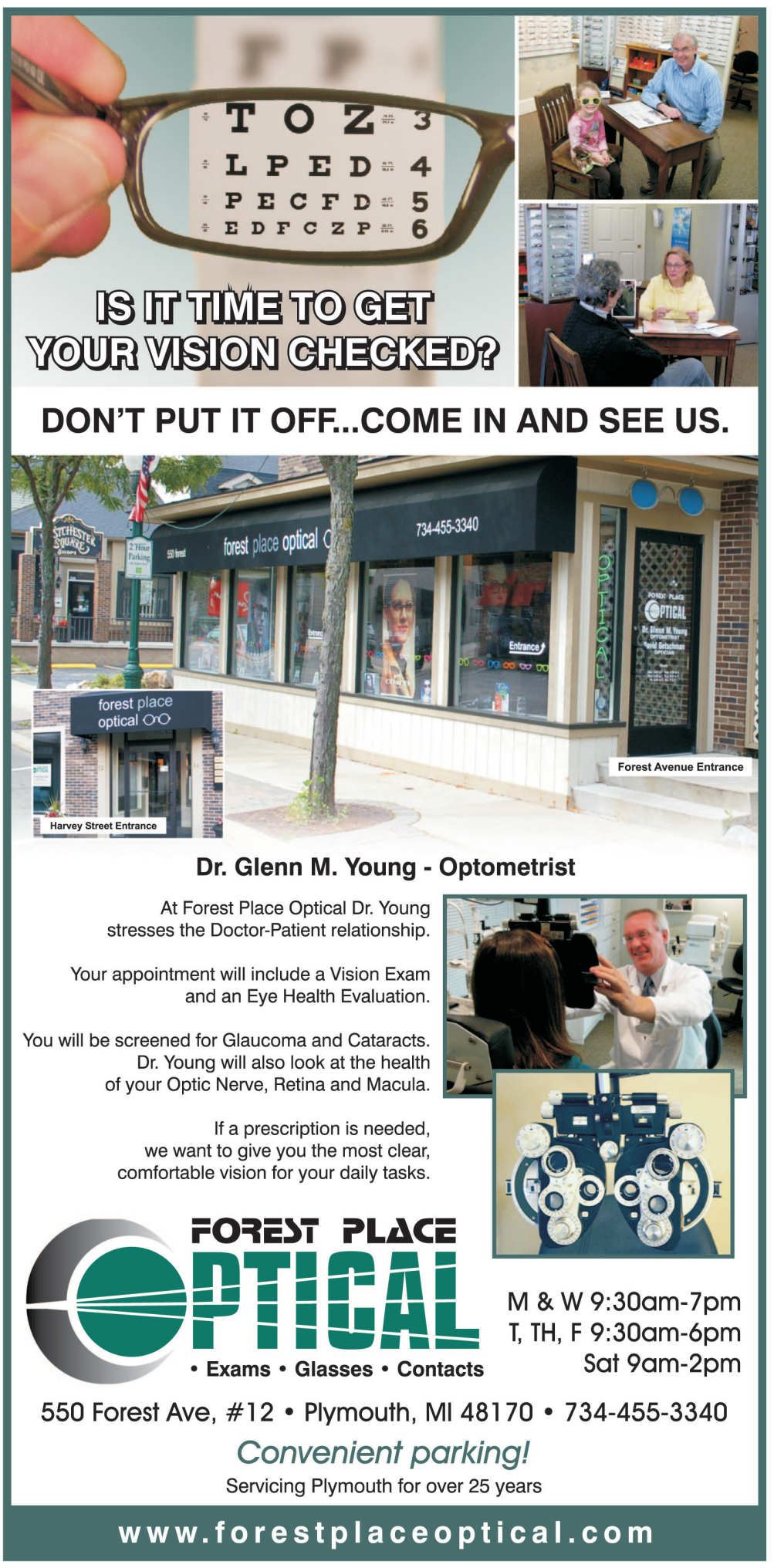
The Northville Art House will host Fine Point: Juried Colored Pencil Exhibition, sponsored by John Goci of eXp Realty, from May 3 until June 1. The exhibition showcases the beauty, richness, and versatility of colored pencil through 44 two-dimensional works selected by juror Barbara Goodsitt.

The 26 invited artists include: Emily Adelman, Fay Akers, Andrea Arbit, Denise Bickel, Marchelle Brotz, Mary Byrne, Tracey Chaykin, Travis Erby, Jan Fleming, Brandy Gerber, Sophie Grillet, Jim Grogan, Angela Helt, Tina Hotchkiss, Linda James, Karen Landrigan, Suzanne Lienhart, Melinda McMonagle, Christine B. Miller, Dean Rogers, Lynne Schaffer, Jennifer Stefanek, Gretchen Vandenberghe, Virginia Wait and Nancy Warner.

Accompanying the exhibition, the Art House will host a 1-day Colored Pencil Workshop from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1 led by exhibition juror and instructor Goodsitt. She will guide teen and adult artists through the steps of creating still-life with colored pencil. Techniques to render glass, fruit and other textures will be covered as well as color mixing and combining colored pencil with other mediums.

The cost is $66 for Art House members and $72 for non-members.

An additional $4 material fee is due to the instructor on the day of the class. Registration is required at the Art House or online at www.northvilleart-house.org.



CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Dunning Foundation awards grant to PARC

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC) has received a grant of $50,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to help fund the ongoing restorations and repairs necessary to preserve the 100-year-old building.

"PARC Board of Directors and PARC Staff are extremely pleased and grateful for the $50,000 grant awarded by the Margaret Dunning Foundation and for their continued and ongoing support," said PARC President Don Soenen. "These funds will be extremely helpful as we move forward with our plans to renovate our building."

The grant was awarded in honor of Lloyd Leach who served on the Wilcox Foundation Board of Directors and who was a long-time friend of Margaret Dunning. Mr. Leach was a teacher and a resident of Plymouth for 29 years where he taught chemistry at the old Plymouth High School now called PARC. A classroom located within PARC will be dedicated to his memory.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Plymouth High/Central Middle School and the 16.0 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the greater Plymouth community.

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The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township, and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Plymouth-Canton school team takes state robotics title

There's debate and discussion on the topic of self-driving cars, and local secondary school students are leading the way. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Lightning Robotics (Team 862) with alliance partners won the Michigan State FIRST Competition earlier this month.

The four day FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition took place during four days from April 10 through 13. Students from secondary schools work in teams to design robots, learning teamwork and a variety of career skills, organizers said.

Advisor Jay Obsniuk helped students from Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools who worked for six weeks to build the robot, Gemini, They worked from Jan. 5 until Feb. 19 on the machine and then, it was on to competition at three different district events to quality for the state level contest.

Obsniuk, a Canton High School teacher, said the competition was supposed to be the best two of three matches in the semifinals and finals. The PCEP robotics team, due to ties, had to go four matches in the semifinals and then five matches in the finals before they were crowned state champions.

Their alliance partners were: Gems - 4362 from Brighton and Goon Squad - 3604 from Brownstown. The next event is the World Competition begins tomorrow April 25 and continues through the weekend at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"Mechanically, Gemini will need his cross braces replaced, as they are a bit banged up from his run at states. Aside from preparing a new camera for enhanced driver vision, the majority of changes to be made are in software. This means improving our vision tracking algorithms, tuning our line following sensors, and modifying and creating new autonomous paths to follow during Destination: Deep Space's Sandstorm Period," Obsniuk said.

The Plymouth Canton team also won the Entrepreneurship Award. This award celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and recognizes a team which has developed a comprehensive business plan in order to define, manage, and achieve the ongoing team objectives.

Canton Township to host annual Youth Academy

The Canton Public Safety Department will sponsor a one-week summer program for teens ages 13 to 17.

This year, the Youth Academy will take place from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28. Participants will be provided with lunch and will participate in light physical activity every day, providing an interactive learning experience designed to: Teach students about the daily operations of the police and fire departments, including the philosophy of teamwork; promote a greater understanding between the youth in the community and Canton police officers and firefighters and help students develop life skills that promote safe, smart thinking and decision making

Individuals attending this free academy will be educated on the operational procedures of both departments through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students will gain personal knowledge on the role of law enforcement in the criminal justice system, as well as the firefighter's role of providing emergency services to the community.

Attendees will better understand the training and education required for police officers and firefighters to effectively handle the challenges of their professions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to become CPR certified.

Applicants must be Canton residents, ages 13-17 (as of June 24), with no criminal history. Applications will be accepted during the month of April, online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org. Class size is limited-participants meeting the minimum requirements will be randomly selected. For additional information, contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at (734) 394-5194.

Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period

NOTICE OF CANTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given that Canton Leisure Services is seeking public comment on an Amendment to the Canton Leisure Services Five Year 2017-2021 Master Plan. The required 30-day public comment period will begin on April 25, 2019, and will end on May 25, 2019. Canton Residents are asked to submit comments in writing via email to leisure@canton-mi.org or via mail to Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services Director, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48188. A follow-up public hearing will take place at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting on May 28, 2019.

Beginning April 25, 2019, copies of the draft of the Canton Leisure Services Five Year Master Plan Amendment may be found at the Canton Leisure Services Administrative Offices (1150 S. Canton Center Road) during normal business hours. The draft may also be found online at www.cantonfun.org.

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Notice of Public Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE CANTON LEISURE SERVICES FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN 2017-2021

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. at the Canton Township Administration Building - Board Room, located at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48188**, for the purpose of the approval of an Amendment to the Canton Leisure Services Five Year Master Plan 2017-2021.

Comments may be submitted in writing through May 25, 2019, or made in person at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services Director, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48188.

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon a two-week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include a signer for the hearing impaired or audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Director
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2019 for the following:

WIRELESS NETWORK EXPANSION

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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NOTICE
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.
Thank You

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JERRY VORVA, Clerk, Charter
Township of Plymouth

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road pavement reconstruction project in Plymouth Notch Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

> The proposed improvement to the existing two-lane concrete local roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of full reconstruction, including, removal and replacement of concrete pavement, aggregate base placement, underdrain installation, addition of storm sewer and catch basins where required within the pavement, and miscellaneous driveway approach work and sidewalk ramp modification as necessary to facilitate the road reconstruction, or as required by Wayne County. The project commences at the east right-of-way line of McClumpha Road and proceeds eastward on Litchfield Drive for approximately 1,350 feet to a dead end. The project also proceeds north from Litchfield Drive along Litchfield Court for approximately 185 feet to terminus.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

> The district limit for frontage along Litchfield Drive and Litchfield Court consists of Lots 1 through 30 of the Plymouth Notch Subdivision located in the Northeast ¼ of Section 33, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimate of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of cost of such project is in the approximate amount of $949,681.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 354-3224

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Wayne - Westland

Deputy Chief Brian Miller, left, Ofc. Chaim Kozak, Ofc. Rodney Donald and Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

Police

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an open house specifically for children with special needs and their families, making sure there were certain times where no police lights or sirens were activated and enough officers were present to assist with access. The patience and kindness shown by officers that day was an example to be set in the community made possible by Kozak, officials said.

The City of Westland also recognized the stellar performance and retirement of the 7th canine to be assigned to the unit, Hemi. Hemi was hand-picked by Sgt. Mike Little and the pair began Hemi's training in narcotics detection, tracking, building searches, evidence searches, obedience and aggression. Hemi was certified in July 2014 and has since undergone 1,500 hours of training with his handler. Hemi was deployed in more than 1400 instances, not including community and school events. Hemi was awarded commendations for his service in the years 2017 and 2018. Following Little's promotion in February 2019, Hemi was officially retired from duty and will live out his retirement with the Little family.

"The City of Westland is proud to recognize these members of the Westland Police Department for having shown exemplary dedication and professionalism in their service to the community," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We also wish K9 Ofc. Hemi well in his retirement and thank him for his contribution to keeping our residents safe."

Wayne welcomes new city clerk

Tina Stanke has taken on a very big job.

As the new Wayne City Clerk, she is now in charge of most municipal records, including those of all city-owned properties, board, council and commission minutes and all city contracts along with ensuring the integrity of all elections in the city, training election workers and being responsible for birth certificates and death records while issuing just about all of the various city licenses required.

Those are just some of the new duties Stanke assumed March 18 when she was officially named to her new post, a job that could be daunting for one less experienced or qualified.

But Stanke's got this.

Raised in the city, she attended Adams and Franklin schools before graduating from Wayne Memorial High School. She also spent more than 13 years working in the Westland City Clerk's office where she was the deputy clerk for 7 years until she left the job in 2015.

She and her husband, a former Westland firefighter, moved to the Irish Hills and she worked in the healthcare field before the couple decided to move back to Wayne County to be near their two adult children and their 6-year-old granddaughter. As that move was pending, she saw the advertisement for a new clerk in Wayne and decided to apply.

She called about the position and spoke to Eileen DeHart, the interim Wayne clerk who also happened to be the former city clerk in Westland with whom Stanke had served as deputy.

Tina Stanke

"It's the same procedures, the same work," Stanke said. "It's like riding a bike, you just don't forget."

Stanke said that while the procedures are the same, each community has their own ways of doing things, it has been a smooth transition.

"It really has been great," she said. "The staff here is just wonderful so the transition has been very smooth."

She said there haven't been any real challenges in the new job so far, although she expects there may be some, "there always are."

"I look forward to challenges, though," she said.

Stanke follows long-time clerk Matthew Miller in the clerk's position. He left the city to take a job in Garden City and DeHart served as the interim clerk in the city while Wayne searched for a permanent replacement.

Stanke recalled that her very first job, ever, was delivering the Westland Eagle to the Norwayne neighborhood.

"This job is like coming home," she said.

Westland council OK's new dual enrollment fire academy

Aspiring fire cadets in Westland can now enjoy some first-person experience while still in high school.

Members of the Westland City Council approved the launch of a cadet fire fighter program with the Wayne Westland schools as part of a dual-enrollment program.

"This opportunity comes at a time when entry-level firefighters are in high demand and chiefs struggle to create a fire department more representative of their communities," commented Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner.

The development of a dual enrollment program for firefighter training and certification requires a third entity. The partnership between Wayne-Westland schools, local community colleges, and the Westland Fire Department will prove to be a win-win for all three entities and a windfall for the student, their family, and the community as a whole, according to a statement from the city.

As fire departments attempt to diversify their ranks, a critical component is an emphasis on community engagement aimed at creating a pipeline of future applicants, according to national statistics. Fire cadet programs offer youth and young adults opportunities to interact with fire personnel in non-emergency environments to learn about the jobs of firefighters and emergency medical staff. High school aged fire service training programs are gaining popularity and many schools in the state are progressing toward adding more value for students, a city representative noted.

The State Fire Marshal (Firefighter Training Division) requires anyone under the age of 18 be a cadet with a fire department to receive firefighter training. High school-aged fire service training programs are gaining popularity and allow students to gain real-world, immediately applicable skills upon graduation from high school.

"The creation of the Westland Fire Department Fire Cadet program will help students achieve their dream of becoming a firefighter or helping others realize the amazing benefits of working in public safety," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

"The program has many benefits, including the development of relationships with the schools and kids in the programs to communicate fire service culture and values, a focus on career preparation, experience, mentoring, and on the job time for resumes," he added.

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Officer of the Year named in Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township named Sgt. Beth Egerer as the Police Officer of the Year.

The recognition came March 26 when township Director of Public Safety Police Chief Eric Luke made the announcement prior to a study session of the board of trustees.

Luke said Egerer made "significant contributions" to the mission of the police department..

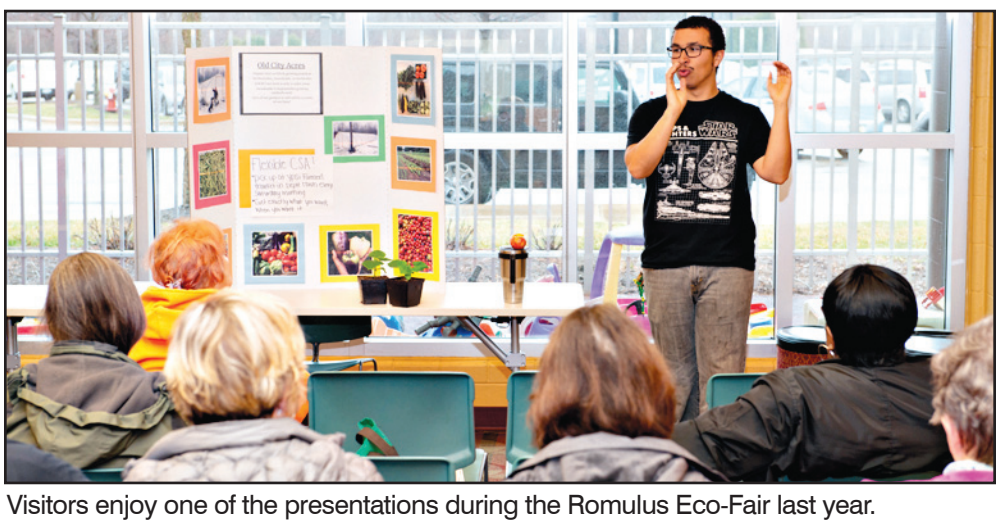
"This year's winner exemplifies what dedication and service to the community are all about," Luke said.

"She performs her duties in a diligent, respectful, and professional manner. Her community engagement is second to none. She's always quick with a smile and her outgoing personality, complete with that laugh breaks down many a barrier to constructive dialog. She's every bit a 'people person' and is an import contributor to the success of the department."

Egerer received a certificate, a citation bar for her uniform shirt and her name will be engraved on the Officer of the Year plaque in the lobby of the police department. She was also presented with a desktop award.

Awards for Valor were presented to: Sgt. Brian Steffani and Ofc. Bart Devos; Meritorious Service awards were presented to Det. Sgt. John Toth, Egerer, Ofc. Joseph Balowski and Ofc.George Salajan, III; Life Saving awards also went to Egerer, Steffani, Ofc. Colleen Gottschalk and Metropark Ofc. Andy Mendrzycki; an Academic Achievement award also went to Toth; a Day Shift Patrol Productivity award also went to Egerer while the Night Shift Patrol Productivity award went to Ofc. Bart Devos and the Chief's Recognition awards went to Steffani, Gottschalk, Balowski and Devos, who was honored twice.

"We thank the above-listed members, along with each and every other member of the department, for a job well done in 2018," concluded Luke. "Thank you for your continued dedication and service to the community."



Visitors enjoy one of the presentations during the Romulus Eco-Fair last year.

Eco-Fair is this Saturday

The fifth annual Eco-Fair in Romulus will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, April 27 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

The free event - a celebration of Earth Day - is open to the public and features exhibits, speakers and take-aways for children and visitors of all ages. RAC membership is not required to attend.

Eighteen local and regional environmentally-friendly organizations and vendors will participate. There will be free activities and door prizes.

Four groups will also host half-hour informational presentations and question and answer sessions. Presentations are planned for 11 a.m. by the Citizens Climate Lobby; 11:30 a.m. by Michigan State University Extension Office; noon by Old City Acres local farm and at 12:30 p.m. by the Sierra Club. After each speaker, door prizes will be awarded to someone in the audience.

For more information about the Romulus Eco-Fair, call (734) 634-3812.

Budget

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health care and cause city employees to contribute more money toward their own benefits. Those efforts have already helped, Moreno said. She estimated that the general fund balance will be at about $2.4 million at the end of this year; had the millage not been approved it would be closer to $1.2 million. Going forward, those actions will help alleviate the strain on the budget, but not eliminate it, according to Burcroff.

"These are tough decisions. Going out and pitching a millage took a lot of work. Thank God the people came through and supported it," he said. "They really came through. But there's more tough decisions we have to make. The millage wasn't a solve all. Public Act 152 was not a solve all. We have to continue to work harder and smarter because of the municipal finance model that's in place."

He said city department heads have done a good job of keeping costs down. Those efforts have reduced the impact on the general fund balance already. Had the city used all the funds allocated in the 2018/2019 budget, they would have had to take about $3.5 million from the fund balance. Moreno said, however, that current projections have reduced that to $2.4 million for the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2019. That means city staff has saved more than $1 million through the last year.

"Just because it's budgeted doesn't mean you have to spend it," Burcroff said. "A lot of people came up with creative ways to still try to get the job done without using those budget dollars. We're not overspending. We're underspending what's already budgeted, and we need to continue to do that."

The city council will host a series of study session on different portions of the budget before it is approved next month. On April 8, talk centered around the general fund, which included the 34th District Court. Burcroff pointed out that, although the court projected flat revenues, they had requested an increase in both salary and fringe benefit expenses for court employee. Overall, he said. The court budget has increased by about $1 million since 2013, from $3.2 million to about $4.2 million last year.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Greene said the salary increases were due to contractual obligations.

"For years we didn't raise the budget. Last year we did a little bit and this year we did again," she said. "We try to keep it in line."

Burcroff pointed out the expense to the council, who will ultimately make the decision on the budget. The proposed increases-about $150,000 in salary and benefits, combined-come at a time when the city is trying to keep salary and benefits down. He pointed out that there were people in his office who hadn't received a raise since he was elected in 2013.

"We have people who are not happy. They've worked hard and done a good job and they deserve more money," he said. "I'm telling them no. That's not fun."

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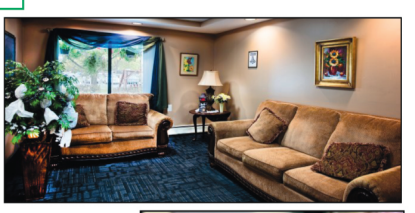

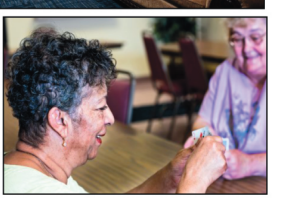

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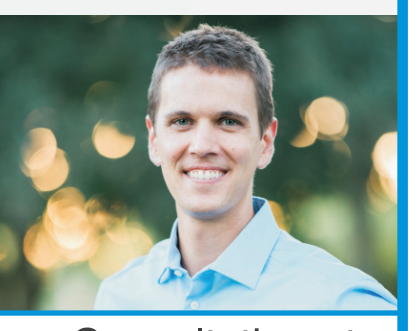

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Calendar of events

Full Circle exhibit continues

The 10th Annual Open Juried Exhibit, Full circle, will continue at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through the month of April.

The free exhibit is open from noon until 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday.

The exhibit takes place at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774.North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Indoor Flea Market planned

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston will host an Indoor Flea Market from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. today, April 25 and and Friday April 26 and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 27.

The church is located at 19109 Craig St. in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 753-9048.

Church hosts garage sale

SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road in Westland will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow, April 26.

There will be a $3 bag sale beginning at 3 p.m. when all large items will be sold at half price.

Yard sale at Lighthouse Mission

A yard sale to help fund the pantry at the Lighthouse Home Mission is planned from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, April 26 through Saturday, May 4.

There will be household items but no clothing for sale. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for those in need. Donations of any gently-used, non-clothing items are still being accepted.

The mission is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

Magic Magician will appear

As seen on Sesame Street and Sprout Network, Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese will appear on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

Mario's shows offer hilarious, and very interactive experiences that leave children and families inspired to nurture their own creative paths. It's vintage meets the future type of performance, much like Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin for the modern age - with a mad inventor twist. The show will run approximately 50-60 minutes in length and is ideal for ages 3-10 and their families.

Tickets for this performance range from $15-$20. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Mom 2 Mom Sale set

St. Edith and St. Colette Church in Livonia will host a Mom to Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 27.

There will be 74 tables of deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items at the church, located at 15089 Newburgh Road near Five Mile in Livonia.

Admission is $2 at strollers are welcome.

For more information, access St. Edith St. Colettes Mom-to-Mom Sale on Facebook. For questions, email m2mtables@stecmops.org.

Chorus plans spring concert

Members of the Belleville Community Chorus will present their 13th annual spring concert, Let's Go To The Movies, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

The concert will feature a variety of songs from popular films of the recent and not-so-recent past.

"Let's Go To The Movies" will be performed at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the Children's Chorus. The concert is under the direction of Rachael Parr and will be accompanied by Judith Weed.

As always, the concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

This year, the concert is sponsored by Atchinson Ford, Inc.

Park clean-ups planned

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission members are looking for a little help this spring.

A volunteer clean-up day for Banotai Park has been set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, weed cutters, weed whackers, clippers and any other tools available necessary to clean up the winter debris in the park.

Banotoi Park is located at the corner of Wear and Sherwood roads. Volunteers will be installing new mulch and sand along with pulling weeds, cleaning the pavilions and whatever other work needed to beautify the park for families to use.

Clean up day for Graham Park, located at the corner of Sumpter Road and Wear Road has been set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Families are welcome and the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be supplying lunch and beverages.

Peace walk planned

Teens in Canton Township will take a walk toward a better future April 27.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center will host a special youth-led walk against violence and hate in partnership with Canton Public Safety on Saturday, April 27, in Heritage Park. This free community event, entitled "Together Towards Tomorrow," will take place from 1 - 2:30 p.m. starting at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, which can be found adjacent to the Canton Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Parents are also welcome and encouraged to accompany their children. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Summit on the Park gymnasium, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information visit www.cantonfun.org or contact the BLOCK Youth & Teen Center, (734) 398-5570.

Belleville Clean Up Day set

Twisted Rooster is sponsoring an Earth Day Belleville Clean Up from noon until 2 p.m. April 27 at Horizon Park in Belleville.

Volunteers will meet on High Street downtown and trash bags and gloves will be provided.

All volunteers will receive Twisted Bucks after the clean-up for future purchases at the restaurant.

Northville Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. May 1 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The meeting will be in room 105, easily accessed from door number six.

The meeting topic will be the Garden Walk 2019.

Guests are welcome and light snacks are served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Mother of All Book Sales set

The Friends of the Westland Library will host The Mother of All Book Sales beginning with a preview sale from 306 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. The preview sale is for members of the Friends of the Library only.

The sale will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 and will conclude with the Bag Day sale from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 when a bag full of books and other items will be $4.

Visitors are asked bring their own bag for purchases. Friends of the Library cloth bags will be available for sale for $3 each.

Credit cards will be accepted.

All proceeds support the William P. Faust Public Library, located at 6123 Central City Pkwy. in Westland. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Canton Band sets concert

The Canton Concert Band will perform "Nature's Majesty", a concert of beautiful music at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Nature is our most precious resource and its beauty surrounds us every day. The Canton Concert Band Spring Concert, "Nature's Majesty," is a family-friendly performance that can be enjoyed by all ages, according to conductor, Jim Blough.

"The beauty of what you see and what you hear, and your time as a family with us, will stay with you for a long time," he said.

The concert will include: "Landscapes" by Rossano Galante; "With Every Sunrise" by Robert Sheldon; "Fanfare for a Golden Sky" by Scott Boerma' "Earth and Sky" by Michael Sweeney and much more!

Tickets for the concert range from $10 - $12. Purchase tickets online today at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For tickets or additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Families Against Narcotics forum set

The next monthly forum for Families Against Narcotics-Northwest Wayne County Chapter, will take place from 6:30-8:30 Monday, May 6 at the Summit Banquet and Conference Center, Canton.

The presentation will include a "Multiple Pathways to Recovery Panel" which will include a panel of people from different walks of life who will discuss how they attained and maintain their recovery from alcohol and drugs.

The meeting is open to the public.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will be a presentation by Jerry Chisnell on 2D to 3D conversion techniques.

A stereo image competition will take place following a refreshment break.

The meeting is open to the public at no cost. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

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